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AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action dated August 28, 1997, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the following amendments, Declaration and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 17 and 18.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

The rejection of claims 1-16 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Toshiro Iwamoto et al. (EP 0462531) or Toshiro Iwamoto et al. (USP 5,376,634) is respectfully traversed.

The Examiner states that:

Toshiro et al. (EPA 0462531) teaches antimicrobial compounds which read on the compound of the present invention, especially when R1 is acyl, R2 is hydroxyl, and R3 is hydrosulfonyloxy, and R4 is carbamoyl provided that R1 is not palimitoyl[sic]. The compounds of the present invention fall within the scope of the invention taught by Toshiro et al.